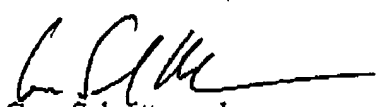
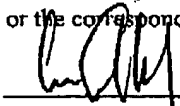


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Attorney Docket No: A325- USA		
Application Serial Number: 10/697,149		Filing Date: 10/30/2003		Examiner: Jason Savage		Art Unit: 1775
Invention: CERAMIC TO NOBLE METAL BRAZE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE						
<p>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.</p>						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	38	MINUS	38	0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	0	\$200	\$ 0.00
<p>_____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>7/1/2005</u> to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> _____ one month (\$120.00) _____ three months (\$1,020.00) _____ two months (\$450.00) _____ four months (\$1,590.00) </p>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						
<p>_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p>_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p>_____ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.</p> <p>_____ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account _____.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <u>8/26/05</u> date </p> <p style="margin-left: 300px;">  Gary Schnittgrund Reg. No. 42130 </p> <p>I hereby certify that this Correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope address to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or the correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, on <u>8/26/05</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">  Gary Schnittgrund </p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reg. No. 42130</p>						


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 01, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 – 38 are pending in the parent application. Claims 1-38 are rejected. The drawings receipt on October 30, 2003 is acknowledged, but there is no indication if they are accepted or objected to by the Examiner.

Claim 34 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patents: 6,221,513 (hereinafter Lasater); 6,586,675 (hereinafter Bealka); 5,028,495 (hereinafter Hirano); and 6,521,350 (hereinafter Fey).